

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-20, 22, 24-28 and 30-43 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 21, 23, 29 and 44-77 have been canceled.

Support for the amendment to claim 13 can be found in canceled claim 21.

No new matter has been added by way of the above-amendment.

Issues under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 13 and 22 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamaguchi et al., JP 10-017617. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants respectfully remain confident that claims 13 and 22 as appearing in the April 25, 2005 Amendment are patentable over Yamaguchi et al. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 13 to recite the subject matter of canceled claim 21, a claim not currently under rejection. Accordingly, this rejection is rendered moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that 1, 3-12, 14-20, 24-28 and 30-43 are free of the prior art.

In view of the above amendment, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq. (Reg.


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No. 43,575) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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